



April 20, 2022

The Honorable David Rouzer  
United States House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rouzer:

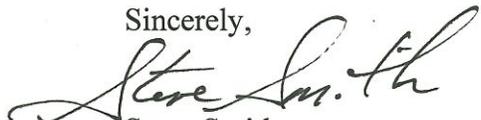
On behalf of the Town of Topsail Beach, North Carolina, I write to express strong support for the Town's FY 2023 Community Project Funding request for the Topsail Beach Emergency Operations Center and Fire Station Design project through the Emergency Operations Center Grants program.

The requested funding will support the design and engineering required to construct a new fire station facility in Topsail Beach that will also serve as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Topsail Beach currently has an EOC on the mainland for disasters that require full evacuation but does not have a facility on the island. Having an EOC on the island is critical for proper response and recovery in the event of a natural or man-made disaster event, including pre-storm and post-storm preparation and response. Critical services can best be provided by the Town with an on-site EOC.

The Town of Topsail Beach is willing able to meet all non-federal requirements and obligations, including the 25 percent local cost share.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Smith  
Mayor, Town of Topsail Beach



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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## Emergency Management

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22 April 2022

Congressman David Rouzer  
201 N. Front Street  
Suite 502  
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

As Director of North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) and the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor, I write today in support of the Town of Topsail Beach's proposal for a FY2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Community Project grant to partially fund the construction of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility in Pender County, NC, under the EOC Grant Program.

The project includes a co-located fire station and EOC. I believe the portions of the project occupied by or supporting the EOC function to be eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the EOC Grant Program (DHS-11-GPD-052-001-01).

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities the State Administrative Agent will fulfill in this partnership. In the event this proposal is funded, our role in the project will include:

- Ensuring NCEM submits a project application to the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, and
- Serving as the administrative agent for the grant.

Respectfully,

*William C. Ray*

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Director & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor

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